



## ROYAL SILVER WEDDING

A portrait of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth es-

pecially taken to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of their wedding on April 26, this year.



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but this is an aftermath of war's effects on family life. Meanwhile motion to broaden the grounds for divorce in Canada is still on the case of Commons order paper but now there is little hope that this could pass the debate stage under prevailing conditions which saw one out of every 13 marriage end in a divorce during the past year.

## COMMUNISM AND OLEO

It is certain now that the House of Commons will air two private members' bills about which there has been so much talk in this capital. One is a bill to ban the Communist party in Canada. The other is a bill which would legalize the sale, manufacture and import of oleomargarine. This was disclosed when members postponed a move that would have given the governments business precedence for an indefinite time and assurance was offered by a spokesman for the government that these bills will be discussed.

## AID IN THE CAPITAL

"I know of no government action in this direction," said Trade Minister Howe in reference to rumors about gasoline rationing.

"I suggest that these puny increases will not bring much of a glow to the heart of old soldiers," commented Maj. Gen. G. R. Pearkes, VC MP on the newly announced increases for veterans of world war I who are in need.

"We don't know what the cause is but we are hoping to educate the parents in helping reduce the alarming increase in dental decay among our school children," declared Dr. L. B. Pett, Chief of the Nutritional Division of the Health and Welfare Department of the Canadian government.

"Politically we must be strong enough and courageous enough to make a just contribution to the defence that is necessary to prevent war," said Hon. John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader during an address here.

"Lumber now is plentiful" stated Maj. Gen. H. A. Young of the Crown owned Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. adding an optimistic note on housing by saying that many of the bottlenecks of late 1946 and 1947 that caused delays in building have now been overcome.

"If cancer can be treated within the first month, the patient stands a good chance," remarked Dr. C. C. Ross, well-known Canadian surgeon during a speech here, "but if he waits five or six months before visiting a doctor his chances are much slimmer."

## WEEKLY WIND-UP

When the question was asked in the House of Commons why the government has not fixed the three coming by-elections for the same day instead on two separate days Premier King merely stated that "the Government thought it more advisable for the Yale by-election to be held first."

Ever since the Marshall plan for European economic recovery was passed in the U.S. salesmen from all parts of Canada have come to Ottawa with offers to sell, but it is learned here that only certain essential items like foodstuffs, farm machines, etc. are needed as part of Canada's share in the scheme so that there need be no "rush" to get orders here.

The wife of the Greek Ambassador to Canada, Mrs. Constantine Sakellaropoulos, told a meeting here that the embassy had been informed that thousands of unfortunate children are being kidnapped by Greek guerrillas and taken across the border.

The action by U.S. Government in ordering the war assets corporation to hold up sales of surplus material will not necessarily be followed in Canada, it is learned here with one of the main reasons being what the War Assets Corp has practically disposed of all its assets.

The suggestion has been made in the House of Commons that decennial reshaping of parliamentary ridings in Canada should be done by an independent commission as redistribution is handled in Britain, South Africa and New Zealand.

It is understood here that an appeal against the freight rate increases would not mean automatic suspension of the Board of Transport Commissioners' order.

Montreal jewelers testifying before the Prices Committee of the

## GASOLINE TAX YIELD TO EXCEED \$7,200,000

Alberta motorists contributed approximately \$7,200,000 to the provincial treasury during the year ended March 31 in fuel oil or gasoline tax, according to information received by the Alberta Motor Association.

This was an increase of more than \$1,000,000 over the previous year. The main reason for the record revenue during the past year was the increase in the gasoline tax from seven to nine cents per gallon. When the additional tax was decided upon the government announced that the revenue from this increase would be used specifically for hard surfacing of main highways.

Last year the province voted \$13 and a half million for its highway expenditures and a similar sum has been provided for the current year. Thus it will be seen that more than half of this revenue is obtained from

the gasoline tax.

On the whole the government is spending more on highways than what it collects in revenues from

motorists, including car licenses. This policy has been commended by the A.M.A. which has urged that it be continued.

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